

REVIEW OF MARKETS  
FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
Stocks, Money, Exchange, Bonds, Grain,  
Cotton, Provisions, Etc.

These Are Closing Sales Each Day.

MARKET LETTER.

STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 21, 1900.  
In the early dealings some irregularity was exhibited, due to a continuance of profit-taking in many directions, but after the first fifteen or twenty minutes there were fresh developments of money and the market, while fluctuating under considerable realizing, maintained general aggressive strength after the first hour. London traded actively on both sides of the market, selling on balance, but the buying of Southern Railway common was the next month, Denver, Erie, Atchafon, Missouri Pacific, Northern Pacific and in fact the whole railway list showed the same inherent strength of the recent past and recorded still further substantial advances. In the industrial, the iron and steel, sugar and domestic news and the General Electric shares were the day's speculative favorites. There can be no doubt as to the confidence of the general public that we are about to witness a further great improvement in railway and industrial and manufacturing enterprises and with a superabundance of money next month, the expectation of higher prices for securities is easily explained. Bullish sentiment is increasing by the declarations of increased dividends and by further manifestations of power in new combinations and associations of the different security properties. The closing was in keeping with today's market, and was strong with good general substantial advances in nearly all directions.

COTTON.

The bull contingent in cotton were again favored this morning by the cables and domestic news and the bears of every clime appear more determined than ever to take no risks by remaining over-sold during the holiday adjournment, consequently prices opened several points higher, and after the call recorded further improvement on general light buying and security of sellers. Before the close of the first hour profit-taking caused a sharp decline, however later continued covering by shorts brought about a rally exceeding the decline, with the market showing inherent stability. Secretary Hester's figures in signs for the week were 355,558 bales, against 445,000 last week. Receipts today were small, Southern spot markets were active and higher, and Liverpool's attitude, as reflected in the cables, decidedly favorable to still higher prices.

The feature in the afternoon market was the rapid advance in December, whereas that option closed last night at 9.33. It rose vertically to 10.25, with bears very much alarmed and bulls talking of 10.50 as the probable figure at which shorts would be allowed to cover. While trading was comparatively light and of professional origin, sentiment is aggressively bullish, and the bull consensus of opinion in the language of bulls is expressed as follows: "Prices are going up. Don't talk, but get aboard!" and to the bear the jocular remark is addressed, "Cheer up! The worst is yet to come." An advance of 1/4 cent in spot cotton served to intensify bullish sentiment, and the market closed strong, but with some recession for highest prices.

Wheat opened steady on a basis of 79 cents for May and the trading through the day was intensely dull, with absolutely no speculative feature. Fluctuations were narrow; the market closed dull and unchanged as compared to last night's final figures. Corn opened steady and to the bear the operations in December in Chicago being the feature, same affecting break of 1/4 cent a bushel in the first ten minutes. Later the market developed dullness, closing barely steady at 1/4 net decline on the day. Provisions were quiet, 2 1/2¢ cents lower. There are 75,000 hogs in the western points, against 85,000 last Friday and 70,000 last year.

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CHICAGO MARKET.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

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Norfolk Cotton Market.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22, 1900.

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RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

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Among Our Cotton Men.

The spot market in Liverpool was unchanged yesterday. Contract market advanced partially half point, closing quiet and steady. The Liverpool cotton exchange will not reopen until the 27th, in observance of the Christmas holidays. United States port receipts yesterday were 40,144 bales against 27,310 last year and 50,165 in 1898. The contract market in New York advanced 2 to 5 points on this crop. August and new crop declining 2 to 3 points. Spot market closing steady. December, 9.00@9.25; January, 9.04; May, 9.27@9.38; August, 9.02@9.04. Spot cotton quite dull at 10 1/2-16c. for middling. No sales. New Orleans contract market advanced 1 point on January, closing at 9.33. Spot market quiet and steady at 9 1/2-16c. for middling. Sales, 2,500 bales. The takings of Northern spinners during the week were 71,193 bales against 96,653 last year and 147,208 in 1898. December 24th and 25th will be observed by the cotton exchanges in the United States as Christmas holidays.

NORFOLK MARKETS.

GRAIN, HAY AND RICE.

CORN—White corn, 51c.; mixed corn, 50c. OATS—Mixed oats, 30c.; white oats, 32c.; ship stuff, 31.00; briar oats, 31.00. HAY—No. 1 Timothy hay, per carload lots, \$17.00; for ton lots, \$18.00; No. 2, \$16.50; mixed hay, \$16.00. MILLED RICE—As to grades, 5 1/2¢@5 3/4¢. ROUGH RICE—None on the market.

PEANUTS AND PEAS.

PEANUTS—Market steady, fancy, 2 1/2¢; strictly prime, 2 1/4¢; prime 2 1/2¢; spanish, 80¢. PEAS—Blackeye, \$2.25 per bag; black, 90¢; clay, 85¢; speckled, 85¢; whippers, 110¢.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

POULTRY—Live poultry, chickens, old, fat, 20¢; spring, 12¢; ducks, mud, 20¢; turkeys, dressed, 10c. per pound; live, 5¢.

EGGS—Steady at 21c.

BUTTER—Good country, 12¢@15c.

COUNTRY HAM—Steady; Smithfield, 14¢; Virginia country, 14¢@15c.; good North Carolina, 12¢@15c.

NORTHERN CABBAGE—\$1.50@1.75 per barrel.

ONIONS—\$2.00@2.25 per bag.

POTATOES—Northern, \$1.50 per bag.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Northern apples, \$2.00@3.00 per barrel. LEMONS—\$2.50 per box. BANANAS—Per bunch, 60¢@70¢.

COCONUTS—100 to 120, \$2.00@2.50.

ORANGES—Jamaica, \$3.00 per box.

GRAPES—Malaga, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per box.

GROCERIES.

WHEAT—Market steady, spring wheat, patent, \$1.20; winter wheat, patent, \$1.10; winter wheat, choice, straight, \$1.00; winter wheat, choice, straight, \$1.00; winter wheat, choice, straight, \$1.00.

ROASTED COFFEE—Arista, 100-lb. cases, \$12.00; Aristo, 50-lb. cases, \$12.00; Aristo, 25-lb. cases, \$12.00.

These New York f. o. b. prices subject to delivery conditions.

SUGARS—All sugars having advanced ten points, the following are the prices, including this advance: Cubes or pressed blacks, loose in barrels, 6.50; Powdered, loose in barrels, 5.50; either, in half barrels, 5.00; Western light-weight, 10c. Granulated Standard, loose in barrels, 5.00; Granulated Fine, loose in barrels, 5.00; Granulated Fine, loose in 100-lb. sacks, 4.50; Granulated 2-lb. and 5-lb. cases, packed in barrels, 6.00; Granulated, 2-lb. and 5-lb. papers, packed in cases, 6.20; Yellow No. 8, very bright, 4.50; Yellow No. 10, very good bright, 4.75; Yellow No. 11, good bright, 4.50; Yellow No. 12, fairly bright, 4.50.

SYRUPS AND MOLASSES—Market firmer at the advance; syrup, good to choice, 22¢; lower grades, 15¢@20¢; molasses, Porto Rico, 22¢@30¢.

PROVISIONS.

BULK MEATS—Market higher; rib sides, \$1.80; bellies, Western heavy, \$3.35; bellies, Western light-weight, \$3.25. HAMS—Sugar cured, \$9.00. DRY CURED—\$1.25. HAM PORK—New, \$1.75. LARD—Pure butchers', in tierces, 5c.; compound, tierces, as to brand, 6 1/2¢; 50-lb. tubs and 50-lb. tins, 4c. more. WOOD—Unwashed, 10¢; bulky 3 to 7 less; washed wood, 25¢; black, 12¢; to 16c. HIDES—A. B. 7 1/2¢; green, 6 1/2¢; dry, 5 1/2¢; 14; dry salt, 11¢; damaged, 7¢.

BALT FISH.

HERRING—New North Carolina cut, none; Eastern, barrels, \$1.00; Potomac, gross, none; mullets, 50-lb. kegs, \$1.00; mackerel, 50-lb. kegs, 45¢; mackerel, 25-lb. kegs, 40¢; white fish, new catch, 100-lb. kegs, none; 50-lb. kegs, none; 70-lb. kegs, none.

A NUT HARVESTER.

"Tap! Tap!" goes something in the trees in the nut season. It is a bird called the nut-hatch. He is not able to pick the nuts from the tree, but when one falls he carries it in his beak to a tree and, fixing it in a convenient crevice, begins operations to split the shell. He strikes it with repeated blows, every blow of his beak falling on the same pin-point of space, until finally the shell falls apart.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warbols, of North Greece, N. Y., arrived over the N. Y. P. & N. this morning, and are the guests of Mr. Arthur J. Odell, No. 200 Reservoir avenue. Mrs. Warbols is a sister of Mrs. Odell. They were accompanied by their son, Wallace, also of North Greece.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Paylor, of Ashland, Va., are in the city spending the Christmas and New Year holiday vacation of Mr. Hugh Paylor, who is a ministerial student at Randolph-Macon College. They are visiting Mrs. Paylor's brother at 513 Freemason street, Mr. D. W. Odell.

Miss Mary Williams, who has been attending the Military Academy at Philadelphia, returned home yesterday. The Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company yesterday had a record-breaking day, and it seemed as if the population of the Peninsula came up to Norfolk for Santa Claus. By the thousands of parcels that the travelers carried back it is evident that they found genial old Santa and that there will be a merry Christmas all along the line.

Some time since Mr. C. Moran Barry, of this city, was elected captain of the Georgetown University football team for 1901. The Philadelphia North American of December 19th contained an excellent cut of the 1901 eleven's new captain, Mr. Barry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Barry, of No. 38 Marine street, he was popular in Norfolk as at Georgetown. He will endeavor to get the Georgetown football team to play in Norfolk next season.

Christmas at the Y. M. C. A.

As Christmas is essentially a home day there will be nothing of special interest that day at the Y. M. C. A. The rooms will, however, be open and those who have no special home ties will there find welcome and pleasant games and good reading matter to enable them to agreeably pass the day.

Cov. Smith Was Here.

Maryland's distinguished Governor, the Hon. John Walter Smith, was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday. The Governor was a guest of Mr. E. C. Fosburgh at the Virginia Club during the afternoon, where he was hospitably entertained. He left in the evening, via the Southern Line boat, for Baltimore, where he will spend Christmas with his family.

SENSIBLE RICH MAN.

Farmer George Vanderbilt, of North Carolina, (St. Louis Star.) It has been said that he who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before is greater than a conqueror.

If that saying be true what's the matter with the man who, through the careful breeding of live stock, brings a single frame to bear the weight of half a dozen ordinary animals of its own persuasion, at the same time adding to the flesh superior qualities?

The Star would say nothing, but on the contrary insists that he is just as much a conqueror as the individual who conjured out of the bosom of the earth the extra blade of grass.

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lina, for several years back has been trying his hand at the improvement of the stock on his farms at Baltimore, in that State. That he has succeeded is only necessary to cite the fact that his stock, of whatever variety, are ribbon takers wherever exhibited, not because the stock itself belongs to a rich man, but because it is by all odds the best. At the recent live stock show at Chicago the Baltimore hogs were the center of attraction. That they were beauties goes without the saying, and that they were weighty was attested by the fact that the Berkshires took the premiums the ribbons themselves were prima facie evidence. All honor to farmer George Vanderbilt, who has utilized his money for the beautifying of a large scope of the surrounding of old Mother Earth in North Carolina and in improving the conditions of all grades of live stock used for the delectation and support of mankind.

RUSSIAN BELLS.

The manufacture of bells has for centuries been carried on in Russia. On account of the immense number of churches throughout the Empire, the demand for bells has always been great. As far back as 1653 the celebrated bell, called "Tzar Kolokol," was made. It is the largest bell in the world, being 16 feet in diameter and 39 feet high. No less than 77 tons of copper were used in its manufacture.

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